## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation-in-Part Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

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Examiner:

J. Veillard

For:

A METHOD OF AND AN APPARATUS FOR RETRIEVING AND DELIVERING DOCUMENTS AND A RECORDING MEDIA ON WHICH A PROGRAM FOR RETRIEVING AND DELIVERING

DOCUMENTS ARE STORED

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 24, 2003

Sir

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.